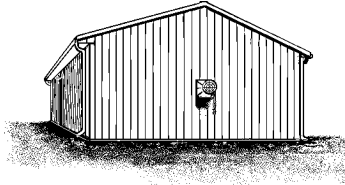


## FARM NUMBERS

The number of farms in New England in 2000 was estimated at 27,400, a reduction of 100 farms from the 1999 count. One hundred fewer farms in both Connecticut and Maine were partially offset by a 100-farm increase in Vermont. Farm operations with sales ranging from \$1,000 to \$9,999 comprised 60 percent of the total New England farm-count in 2000. The largest number of farms recorded in New England was in 1910, when 190,900 farms existed. Farm numbers have changed little in the past decade. Ten years ago (1990), the six-state region included 27,440 farms.



Land in farms in the six-state region decreased in 2000 to 4.02 million acres, 10,000 acres below the previous year. The acreage reduction occurred in the state of Connecticut; farmland in the other New England states remained unchanged from 1999. The average size of a farm in New England was 147 acres, ranging

from 86 acres per farm in the highly populated state of Rhode Island to 197 acres per farm in the dairy state of Vermont. Farm operations with sales of \$10,000 and over controlled 66 percent of all New England farmland in 2000, unchanged from a year earlier.

**Definitions:** A **farm** is any establishment from which \$1,000 or more of the agricultural products were sold or would normally be sold during the year. Commodities are defined as agriculture based on the 1997 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) as jointly developed by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, Statistics Canada and the Mexican Institute of National Statistics. **Land in farms** includes crop and livestock acreage, wasteland, woodland, pasture, land in summer fallow, idle cropland, and land enrolled in the Conservation Reserve Program and other set aside or commodity acreage programs. It excludes public, industrial, and grazing association land and nonagricultural land.

**FARMS: <sup>1/</sup> Number, Size and Land in Farms, 1991- 2000 and Value per acre January 1, 1992 - 2001**

STATE & YEAR	Farms <sup>2/</sup>	Average Size of Farm <sup>2/</sup>	Land in Farms <sup>2/</sup>	Farm Real Estate Value Per Acre January 1 Following Year <sup>3/</sup>	Cropland Value Per Acre January 1 Following Year <sup>4/</sup>	Pasture Value Per Acre January 1 Following Year <sup>5/</sup>
	Number	Acres	1,000 Acres	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<b>Connecticut</b>						
1991	3,900	108	420	5,241	--	--
1992	4,000	103	410	5,959	--	--
1993	4,100	98	400	5,950	--	--
1994	4,100	95	390	5,950	--	--
1995	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1996	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1997	4,100	93	380	5,950	--	--
1998	4,100	93	380	6,300	--	--
1999	4,000	93	370	6,600		
2000	3,900	92	360	6,900		
<b>Maine</b>						
1991	7,100	200	1,420	1,033	--	--
1992	7,300	195	1,420	1,130	--	--
1993	7,300	192	1,400	1,130	--	--
1994	7,400	184	1,360	1,130	--	--
1995	7,400	180	1,330	1,150	--	--
1996	7,200	182	1,310	1,170	--	--
1997	7,000	183	1,280	1,190	--	--
1998	6,900	184	1,270	1,200	--	--
1999	6,900	184	1,270	1,250		
2000	6,800	187	1,270	1,300		
<b>Massachusetts</b>						
1991	6,400	98	630	4,340	--	--
1992	6,400	98	630	4,898	--	--
1993	6,200	98	610	5,020	--	--
1994	6,100	97	590	5,060	--	--
1995	6,000	95	570	5,100	--	--
1996	6,000	95	570	5,150	--	--
1997	6,000	95	570	5,210	--	--
1998	6,000	95	570	5,500	--	--
1999	6,100	93	570	5,900		
2000	6,100	93	570	6,000		

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<b>New Hampshire</b>						
1991	2,700	163	440	2,103	--	--
1992	2,700	163	440	2,256	--	--
1993	2,700	159	430	2,250	--	--
1994	2,700	156	420	2,250	--	--
1995	2,800	150	420	2,250	--	--
1996	2,900	145	420	2,250	--	--
1997	3,000	140	420	2,250	--	--
1998	3,100	135	420	2,250	--	--
1999	3,100	135	420	2,300	--	--
2000	3,100	135	420	2,400	--	--
<b>Rhode Island</b>						
1991	700	94	66	5,627	--	--
1992	700	90	63	6,304	--	--
1993	750	87	65	6,400	--	--
1994	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1995	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1996	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1997	750	87	65	6,500	--	--
1998	700	86	60	6,500	--	--
1999	700	86	60	6,600	--	--
2000	700	86	60	6,700	--	--
<b>Vermont</b>						
1991	6,400	223	1,430	1,223	--	--
1992	6,400	223	1,430	1,342	--	--
1993	6,400	223	1,430	1,400	--	--
1994	6,400	219	1,400	1,450	--	--
1995	6,400	214	1,370	1,490	--	--
1996	6,500	206	1,340	1,500	--	--
1997	6,600	202	1,330	1,520	--	--
1998	6,700	200	1,340	1,570	--	--
1999	6,700	200	1,340	1,650	--	--
2000	6,800	197	1,340	1,750	--	--
<b>New England</b>						
1991	27,200	162	4,406	2,144	--	--
1992	27,500	160	4,393	2,377	--	--
1993	27,450	158	4,335	2,401	--	--
1994	27,450	154	4,225	2,424	--	--
1995	27,450	151	4,135	2,444	--	--
1996	27,450	149	4,085	2,474	4,260	3,910
1997	27,450	147	4,045	2,508	4,290	3,900
1998	27,500	147	4,040	2,597	4,360	3,910
1999	27,500	147	4,030	2,721	4,550	3,950
2000	27,400	147	4,020	2,813	4,610	3,900

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<sup>2/</sup> Beginning in 1997, Farm Numbers, Average Size of Farm and Land in Farms reflect the entire year. For all previous years, these statistics refer to information as of June 1.

<sup>3/</sup> Average farm real estate value includes value of land and buildings. Values for 1991 and earlier years were originally published by the Economic Research Service, USDA.

<sup>4/</sup> Average cropland value is only available for the six New England states, combined.

<sup>5/</sup> Average pasture value is only available for the six New England states and Delaware, combined.